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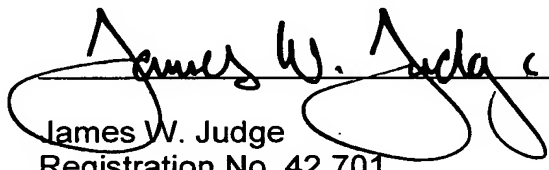
For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the European Search Report also accompanies this paper. Of the seven references cited in the Search Report, the abstract from JP 9-253882 has already been submitted in an IDS dated August 12, 2004 in the instant case, and because it is thus cumulative to material already made of record the reference is not being submitted here. Further, only an English abstract—from Patent Abstracts of Japan—was cited in the Search Report as the reference listed as Cite No. F1 on Form PTO/SB/08A, and thus only the abstract itself is being submitted here.

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